In addition to the above self employment schemes, programmes to generate wage employment are implemented in rural and urban areas. These programmes are continuously monitored and evaluated to increase their efficacy in providing wage employment.

**Creation of Job Opportunity**

3051. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to take effective measures to create more opportunities of jobs to the people of our country during the next five years, State-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what concerte steps Government propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHORIE) : (a) to (c) The policies and programmes specified in the Ninth Five Year Plan document should enable 6.5 per cent per annum growth in GDP leading to expansion of work opportunities by 50.22 million during 1997-2002.

State Governments prepare and implement the policies and programmes for expansion of work opportunities in their respective States in response to the macro-economic situation.

(d) The sectoral policies and programmes for growth in output are supplemented by programmes for skill development, and employment generation programmes for specific sections of population: the poor, the scheduled castes, the scheduled tribes, educated youth and the women.

**Estimate of Poor in West Bengal**

3052. SHRI DAWA LAMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 881 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd March, 2000 and state :